



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of: YAMAMOTO et al.

Attorney Docket No. MNOAP004

Application No: 10/735,331

Examiner: Bleibel, Nasseim K.

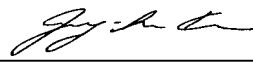
Filed: December 12, 2003

Art Unit: 3737

Title: Percutaneous Removal of Sentinel  
Lymph Node Using Contrast Imaging  
for Identification

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 11, 2007.

Signed: 

Name: Jung-hua Kuo

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2006 issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. A three-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith extending the period for response to April 11, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments and consider the Remarks presented herein.